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Human Understanding of Magnetism
and Gravity through the Ages

This book seeks to understand what conceived modern physics by focusing upon the formation of the concept of force. This would be the first book to note the important role magnetism has played in this process. Indeed, the force between celestial bodies, before the introduction of Isaac Newton's gravitational force, is first introduced by Johannes Kepler by analogy with magnetic force. Moreover, this book, by concentrating our attention on magnetism, fully describes the developments and the recognition of the force concept during the Middle Ages. The detailed description of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance is a strong point of this book. By discussing and emphasizing on the role accomplished by the magnetic force, this book distinguishes the connection between the natural magic and modern experimental physics. This book will open a new aspect on the birth of modern physics.

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